

Amendment

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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DISTRIBUTING PRINT JOB (as amended)

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 18 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-11, and 16-17 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing ~~data~~ print job data from an e-mail enabled printer, said print job data comprising data to be printed by the e-mail enabled printer, said method comprising:

retrieving ~~an at least one print job data file~~ said print job data from a memory of said e-mail enabled printer;

attaching ~~said at least one print job data file~~ said print job data to an e-mail;

sending said e-mail and ~~attached at least one print job data file~~ said print job data to an e-mail enabled device; and

storing ~~at least said attached at least one print job data file~~ said print job data in a job retention memory of said e-mail enabled device.

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said retrieving ~~said at least one print job data file~~ said print job data from said memory of said e-mail enabled printer comprises retrieving ~~data~~ said print job data from a job retention memory of said e-mail enabled printer.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said retrieving ~~said at least one print job data file~~ said print job data from said memory of said e-mail enabled printer is initiated using a device in communication with said e-mail enabled printer.

4. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 3, wherein said device in communication with said e-mail enabled printer includes a network device selected from a group consisting of a workstation, an e-mail enabled printer, and an e-mail server.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising: creating an e-mail for attaching ~~said at least one print job data file~~ said print job data to, said e-mail including an e-mail address.

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6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 5, wherein said creating said e-mail for attaching ~~said at least one print job data file~~ said print job data to comprises: providing a list of available e-mail addresses; selecting at least one of said available e-mail addresses; and creating an e-mail addressed to each of said selected at least one available e-mail addresses.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein said providing said list of available e-mail addresses comprises: retrieving a list of stored e-mail addresses from a memory of said e-mail enabled printer; and displaying said list of stored e-mail addresses for selection.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 5, wherein said creating said e-mail for attaching ~~said at least one print job data file~~ said print job data to comprises: retrieving at least one e-mail address entered by a user; and creating an e-mail addressed to said at least one e-mail address entered by said user.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said attaching ~~said at least one print job data file~~ said print job data to said e-mail created by said e-mail enabled printer comprises attaching ~~said at least one print job data file~~ said print job data to an e-mail addressed to at least one designated e-mail address.

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said sending said e-mail and ~~said attached at least one print job data file~~ said print job data to said e-mail enabled device comprises sending said e-mail and ~~said attached at least one print job data file~~ said print job data from said e-mail enabled printer to a network device selected from the group consisting of a workstation, an e-mail enabled printer, and an e-mail server.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of distributing a print job, comprising: storing one or more print jobs in a memory of an e-mail enabled printer, each of said print jobs comprising data to be printed by the e-mail enabled printer;

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selecting at least one of said one or more print jobs stored in said memory of said e-mail enabled printer for distribution;
creating an e-mail;
attaching said data of said selected at least one print job to said e-mail; and
sending said e-mail for distributing said data of said selected at least one print-jobs job.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein storing one or more print jobs in said memory of said e-mail enabled printer comprises:
sending a print job to said e-mail enabled printer;
receiving said sent print job at said e-mail enabled printer; and
storing said print job in a job retention memory of said e-mail enabled printer.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein said creating said e-mail comprises:
retrieving a list of available e-mail addresses from said memory of said e-mail enabled printer;
selecting at least one e-mail address from said retrieved list of available e-mail addresses; and
addressing an e-mail with said selected at least one e-mail address.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein said creating said e-mail comprises:
entering at least one e-mail address into said e-mail enabled printer using a control panel of said e-mail enabled printer; and
addressing an e-mail with said at least one entered e-mail address.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein said selecting at least one of said one or more print jobs stored in said memory of said e-mail enabled printer for distribution comprises:
retrieving a list of print jobs stored in said memory of said e-mail enabled printer from said memory;
displaying said list of print jobs stored in said memory;

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providing a control panel for selecting at least one of said print jobs in said list of print jobs;
and
selecting at least one of said print jobs using said control panel.

16. (Currently Amended) A system for distributing ~~data~~ a print job, comprising:
a network; and
at least one e-mail enabled printer for communicating over said network, said e-mail enabled printer comprising at least one microprocessor for operating said e-mail enabled printer, including translating data of said print job into an image format for printing by said e-mail enabled printer and attaching said data of said print job to an e-mail; a display panel ~~device~~ for displaying said print jobs and related data, said print job; and a job retention memory for storing ~~said print jobs and said related data~~ said data of said print job for distribution.

17. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 16, wherein said e-mail enabled printer further comprises a control panel for selecting ~~said print jobs and said related data~~ said print job from said print jobs and said related data ~~one or more print jobs~~ displayed on said display device.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 16, wherein said e-mail enabled printer further comprises at least one list of e-mail addresses for displaying on said display device.

20. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 16, further comprising:
an Internet connection for communicating with said network;
an e-mail server for communicating with said network; and
at least one workstation for communication with said network.